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SUBJECT: ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF) RETENTION ISSUE:

FONMINS ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

REF: REYKJAVIK 0390

FOLLOWING IS SEGMENT (UNCLASSIFIED) OF FONMIN' S ANNUAL FOREIGN
POLICY REPORT, RELEASED APRIL 16, WHICH PERTAINS TO IDF.
AS PROMISED PARA 7 REFTEL IT CONTAINS NO SURPSISES.

" AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE ALTHING, WORK HAS BEEN
PERFORMED FOR SOME TIME ON A STUDY AND ON GATHERING OF INFOR-
MATION REGARDING DEFENSE MATTERS. AMONG OTHER THINGS THE VIEW
OF NATO IS NOW AVAILABLE ABOUT THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF
ICELAND. THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE ALTHING FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS COMMITTEE." DEFENSE MATTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED IN
SOME DETAIL WITH THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. IN MAY LAST YEAR,
WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS WAS HERE IN REYKJAVIK, THE VIEWS
OF BOTH SIDES ON THE ISSUE WERE EXPNDED."

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" LAST JANUARY 1 WAS IN WASHINGTON AND SPOKE WITH THE U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE, BUT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS WAS THAT FURTHER STUDIES OF VARIOUS POINTS NEEDED TO BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN OVERALL PICTURE. IT IS MY INTENTION THAT THE FINAL DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT BE BASED ON THE MOST COMPLETE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. IT IS BEYOND DISPUTE THAT IT IS COMPLETELY IN THE HANDS OF THE ICEWANDIC GOVERNMENT WHAT THIS FINAL DECISION WILL BE AND WHEN IT WILL BE TAKEN. THE GOVERNMENT' S DECISION ABOUT THE REVIEW OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL, THEREFORE, BE MADE SOON."

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